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Counseling God

Romans 11:33-36

"O the depth..."

Paul is saying that there are hidden <u>dimensions</u> to God's riches, wisdom, and knowledge that explain <u>causes</u> and <u>purposes</u>.

The Depth of God's riches.

"The riches of God are His net <u>worth</u>, the sum of His <u>person</u> and <u>perfections</u>."

The Depth of God's wisdom.

"God's wisdom is His <u>ability</u> to select the best <u>means</u> for the attainment of the highest <u>good</u>."

The Depth of God's knowledge.

"God's knowledge is His <u>insight</u> into the very <u>essence</u> of all people and all things in such a way that all things are before Him."

The Riches of God - <u>Christ</u> (Col. 1:27) The Wisdom of God - <u>Christ</u> (Col. 2:2-3) The Knowledge of God - <u>Christ</u> (Col. 2:2-3)

Colossians 1:16-17 teaches us that Christ is <u>preeminent</u> (not prominent) in all things therefore nothing can be fully or rightly known that is not known in relation to Christ.

What areas of life are you seeking to understand apart from God's riches, wisdom, and knowledge that are revealed in Jesus Christ?

"How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!" God's determined destination and chosen map are above our scrutiny.

God Moves In Mysterious Ways

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines Of never failing skill He treasures up His bright designs And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread Are big with mercy and shall break In blessings on your head. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour; The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain.

Who hath known the mind of the Lord?

God's Knowledge

Who hath been His counselor?

God's Wisdom

"Who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto Him again?"

God's Riches

"For of Him,"

God is the Source

God is the Sustainer

God is the Goal

"are all things to whom be glory forever. Amen"

Is there any area in your life where you are saying:
"I know God says ..., but ..."

"For of <u>me</u>, and through <u>me</u>, and to <u>me</u> are all things to whom be glory forever. Amen"